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The field exercises of tank and artillery units, which started in the Annaburg (N 52/E 66)-Jessen (N 52/E 56) area on 15 August 1951, continued until 21 August. A camp of about 50 four-man tents was located in the northern portion of the Gluecksburg Forest, bordering on the southern tip of the former emergency air field between Seyda and Zellendorf. Intensive training activity was observed in the tent camp. Weapons seen there included about 25 artillery pieces, apparently ZIS-3s of 76.2-mm; 5 T-34/85 tanks; 4 three-axle armored cars mounting guns; and several vehicles mounting 20-mm AA guns.

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Comment. The Gluecksburg Forest, about 10 km southwest of Jueterbog, was reported to have been a training area for components of the Third Gds Mecz Army from Jueterbog and Wittenberg in September 1949 and May 1950. There have been indications that tank troops practiced there also in June 1951.

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The vehicles mounting light AA guns belong to the air force, and the others to engineer units and rear service units of the GDFG which probably constructed and supplied the camp.

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